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Greater Mt. Zion to host 'Night in White'

The Greater Mt. Zion AME Church in Pearlington invite each and everyone to the Gussie Shelton Missionary "Night in White" on Sunday, April 17 at 7 p.m. The theme is, "Iadet we shall never moved," Psalms, 1st chapter, verse 8. Officiating will be Pastor Rev. F. L. Fields and Mission president Debra Batiste. Sister Rosa Jackson of Holmes Chapel United Methodist will be guest speaker. Please wear white to the event.

D'head Community Association to meet

The Diamondhead Community Association (DCA) will hold a meeting on Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Country Club. Everyone is invited. It will feature the award of "Citizen of the Year" for 2004 and an address by Edward Worthington, Director of Homeland Security for MS.

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Love springs eternal for Henry and Lucille Smith of Diamondhead, who renewed their wedding vows on their 64th wedding anniversary on Wednesday. Father Henry McNamee performed the ceremony at Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis where the couple now resides. Henry Smith is retired from the United States coast Guard and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Lucille was a homemaker. Many of the couple's six children, ten grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren attended the festivities.

Family rebuilding after last week's storm

'I know God was with us,' woman says after Bayside home destroyed

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

The tornadoes that swept through Hancock County last week caused no death or injury but left several families with severely damaged homes.

Rachael Genna of Bayside was one such person whose home and property sustained severe damage during the tor-

nadoes. Her house lost a large portion of its roof, and a garage owned and operated by her boyfriend, Juan Rivera, nearly collapsed during the storm.

But thanks to the help of family and friends, Genna said yesterday, her house is nearly back to normal after less than

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Juan Rivera is rebuilding after a tornado touched down in Bayside Park last week and destroyed his garage.

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Hancock man acquitted in assault case

White successfully pleads self-defense in Bay stabbing

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

A Hancock County man accused of aggravated assault and breaking and entering was acquitted Wednesday afternoon following a three-day trial.

Robert White of Kiln was arrested on Feb. 25, 2004 after allegedly stabbing Todd Peterson multiple times. White had stab wounds as well, and the two individuals appeared to have been in a fight involving a kitchen knife.

White's attorney, Harry

Ward, successfully argued self-defense as the reason for the stabbing.

Peterson had been living with White's wife, Amanda Smith, for three years. White's attorney, Harry Ward, said the two had been estranged for several years, but had never gotten a formal divorce.

No motive for the attack was presented by either the prosecution or the defense. Both Peterson and White each claimed the other had

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DuPont lawsuit postponed again

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

After three delays - two in the last two weeks - jury selection in a case four years in the making was to begin today in Mississippi District Court in Laurel for a suit involving the DuPont DeLisle plant. But when court convened after lunch yesterday, Judge Billy Joe Landrum told attorneys

that the case would be delayed until the next court term, August 17.

"We knew we needed at least two weeks to try the case," said principal attorney for the plaintiffs Kathleen Smiley. "With all the delays, there just wasn't enough time. The current term ends on April 22." Smiley said she was extremely disappointed that

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Ward Three Bay Council candidates square off in public forum at Depot

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

The Hancock County NAACP on Tuesday sponsored a forum for candidates running for public office in May. The event was specifically geared toward Bay St. Louis City Council candidates for Ward Three.

Thomas Farve, the incumbent councilman, faces two challengers from his district in Connie Payne-Lampley and Jeffery Reed.

Lampley had previously served on the city council, and Reed is a local businessman and pastor of the Power House of Deliverance Ministry.

The candidates fielded questions from the public about their qualifications and plans for Ward three, should they be elected.

Farve said he felt his biggest accomplishments during his last term were the three miles of new drainage ditches cut in his district, the repaving of several area streets and the construction of a senior citizen's building.

He added that ward three remained classified as a minority district during his service.

Lampley said her biggest immediate concern was the



Incumbent Bay St. Louis Ward Three Councilman Thomas "Tom" Farve answers questions during a candidates forum on Tuesday evening at the historic Bay Depot.

condition of Washington St. Specifically, she said she would seek the installation of sidewalks and streetlights in the area. She also wanted to see more programs and workshops geared towards the area's youth.

Reed said that since

change affects everyone in a neighborhood, it would be crucial that they act as a team.

"We will be doing things that will upgrade this community, not only shared by my team, but supported by my team."

Mayor Eddie Favre, also

present at the meeting, said he was especially proud of the economic development the city of Bay St. Louis had undergone in the past year, citing the decrease in unemployment as an example.

"If someone is not working now, it is more by choice than opportunity," he said.

Waveland board okays ordinance to regulate pet owners' responsibility, cruelty to animals

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Waveland Aldermen last week passed an Animal Responsibility and Animal Control Ordinance, which is intended to protect the health, safety and welfare of both citizens and pets and acts as a supplement to already existing ordinances.

Highlights include:

The ordinance addresses what officials say is the number one complaint in the city-pet owners who have too many dogs and cats, many of who cannot properly care for them. When new laws go into effect in about 30 days, pet owners will be limited to keeping five cats or five dogs or a combination of cats and dogs as long as the number does not exceed the

limit of five.

• Pet owners will also be required to provide adequate and sanitary shelter for animals either in their home or in a dog house or other structure. The ordinance requires dog houses to be located in a shady area from April through October.

• Pet stores, boarding kennels, grooming establishments, or for-profit breeders will be required to pay a \$10 yearly licensing fee to the city. Applications for the license will only be approved after an inspection of the premises confirms that the business is in compliance with requirements for providing proper shelter and maintaining sanitary conditions.

• Before leaving Fido in the car while you run in the store-make sure that it is a cool day. Animal control offi-

cers and police can and will remove an animal they deem to be in danger from a parked car. The animal may then be confiscated and the car may be impounded.

• Likewise, you may want to carry a plastic bag with you to pick up the mess your pet makes. The new ordinance makes it unlawful to allow your pet to do his business in another's yard or on public property.

• A provision also prohibits any activities related to dog fighting, baiting or the use of animals for target practice. Even if you are only a spectator at such an event, you will be liable for prosecution.

• You will also be liable for prosecution if you hit an animal with a motor vehicle and do not attempt to notify an animal control officer of the accident.

Waveland police arrest O.S. man for possession of Ecstasy

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

An Ocean Springs resident stopped for a traffic violation on U.S. 90 in Waveland landed in jail for possession of a controlled substance, according to Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell and Bay Chief Frank McNeil.

Mark Burr, 18, of Lakeview Drive, Ocean Springs, was arrested on April 10 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, (Ecstasy), and driving under the influence, (other substance), in a release by Bay-Waveland

Narcotics Task Force directors Varnell and McNeil.

In a news release the chiefs said, "Officer Ronald Story of Waveland Police initiated a traffic stop after observing a vehicle being driven in a careless manner. Following a traffic violation stop by Officer Story, he observed the driver, Burr extremely nervous and also exhibiting signs of being under the influence of ecstasy by grinding his teeth and sweating heavily."

Burr was unable to pass a field sobriety test on the scene and was taken into custody and charged with driving under the influence, (other substance). Story then discovered ecstasy inside a cigarette pack inside the vehicle. Burr was then transported to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility and placed on a \$5,800 bond." the chiefs said.

Burr's initial court appearance is scheduled for April 21 in Waveland Municipal Court and Detective Brent Anderson is handling the investigation.

Any tips concerning narcotics, please contact the Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force at 467-5683.

Alleged truck, tool theft lands Harrison County man in jail

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Harrison County man was arrested and charged with a truck and tool theft in an unrelated case on Wednesday. Sheriff Steve Fizer reports.

Assistant Chief Investigator Andre' Fizer said, "Kenneth Beech, 37, of Harrison County, was

arrested by Deputy Doug Ladner on Road 254 in Hancock County in connection with truck and tool thefts Wednesday, April 6."

Beech was doing some odd jobs at a local used car dealer and drove off with a 1986 Ford F-150 on April 5," Fizer reported.

Fizer is handling the truck investigation, while Luther, the stolen tools case.

have stolen some tools from a Kiln automotive shop in late March."

Beech is charged with felony taking of a motor vehicle and grand larceny in the theft of tools, with a total bond of \$20,000 set, the investigators said.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Congratulations to the honorees

Congratulations are in order for David Treutel, Jr., upon his being named Hancock County's Citizen of the Year Friday night.

Dave is so deserving of the honors because of his unselfish dedication to the community.

Since I have known Dave for many years, I have had the opportunity to work with him on several projects and know that he likes to "give back to his community" and wants to see everyone prosper.

Congratulations also go to everyone honored at the annual Salute Hancock County's Business & Industry Gala held to a record attendance at Casino Magic's Cypress Cove Ballroom.

The annual event is sponsored by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism Development Bureau and Casino Magic.

Everyone seemed to have a great time and good fellowship.

It will be hard to top this year's Gala Event in the future.

Back in early January, as I was peeling some potatoes, I noticed several with some good sprouts on them.

So, I proceeded to cut about a dozen pieces into planting size for a section of my compost pile.

Some of the plants began to show signs of maturing, so I proceeded to dig them and collected over five pounds of very nice sprouts.

We have had some cold weather this winter, but never did any get any frost burns.

About six of the red potatoes were baseball size, so they really grew in the winter months.

By the way, I still have others which I planted later growing and may harvest some from them too.

This has been the earliest ever for me to collect fresh red potatoes from my yard and I can recall my family having a garden ever since I was a youngster.

I guess there is a first time for everything, and who knows, it may be the only time to have such a success so early.

With temperatures reaching in the 80's, many are getting an itch to go fishing.

This means many boat motors have been sitting idle for several months and may need some special care.

In The Echo's Sunday issued, BoatU.S., the nation's largest recreational boating association issued a spring commissioning checklist.

A lot of very good suggestions are issued in the article which every boater should read before launching his or her craft. Best of luck to all fishermen.

Party lines at the Capitol

In other days before partisan politics invaded the Mississippi Legislature, last week's special election runoff to fill a vacancy in House District 105 in rural Southeast Mississippi would have gone largely unnoticed.

But the win by boyish-looking, unapologetic Democrat Shaun Walley, a 28-year-old schoolteacher and coach from Leakesville over a Republican foe, was closely watched at the state Capitol where party lines have been tightly drawn for the first

time in state history.

The election of Shaun Walley thwarted a move by Gov. Haley Barbour to bolster his support in the House where advocates of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program, opposed to Barbour's proposed MAEP cuts, held out against adopting a state budget before adjournment of the 2005 session.

Now lawmakers, for the first time ever, will have to return in special session to finalize a budget before the next fiscal year begins in July.

Gov. Haley Barbour threw his weight and Republican money behind Paul Walley, a Richton attorney and former Perry County Republican Party chairman, (no relation to Shaun) and both he and Sen. Trent Lott went into the district to rally support for Paul Walley.

Shaun Walley, seeking office for the first time, made it abundantly clear to voters in the five-county district that he was running as a Democrat and also favored full funding of the Mississippi Adequate Education program in opposition to Barbour's stance.

In the context of the sharp partisan divide that now grips the state Legislature, Walley's victory

takes on more significance because it keeps the House district seat in the Democratic column.

And the District 105 race—despite the fact that special elections are ostensibly non-partisan—underscores the reality that every state legislative seat which comes open now will be hotly contested by both parties.

State Democratic chairman Wayne Dowdy called Democrat Walley's win over his Barbour-backed Republican opponent in the special legislative election a "referendum" on Barbour's leadership.

"It's the first chance voters have had to speak since

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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Miner



Education funding in Mississippi is going up, not down

BY: GOV. HALEY BARBOUR

You may not know it, but some people say that if you favor giving our public schools a 4% increase in funding to serve the same number of students as last year, you are against public education. If this sounds a little confusing—join the club. According to some editorial writers, Mississippi schools are on the verge of total collapse because of education funding "cuts." Actually, nothing could be further from the truth.

Education spending in Mississippi has risen nearly 50% in the last five years. Over the last ten years,

Mississippi ranks 3rd in the nation in education funding increases. Mississippi's average teacher salaries have gone from \$29,500 in 1999 to \$42,000 next year.

Local school districts actually have almost \$250 million in their reserve accounts this year. And all of this while Mississippi is serving approximately the same number of K-12 students as we did when Ronald Reagan was President.

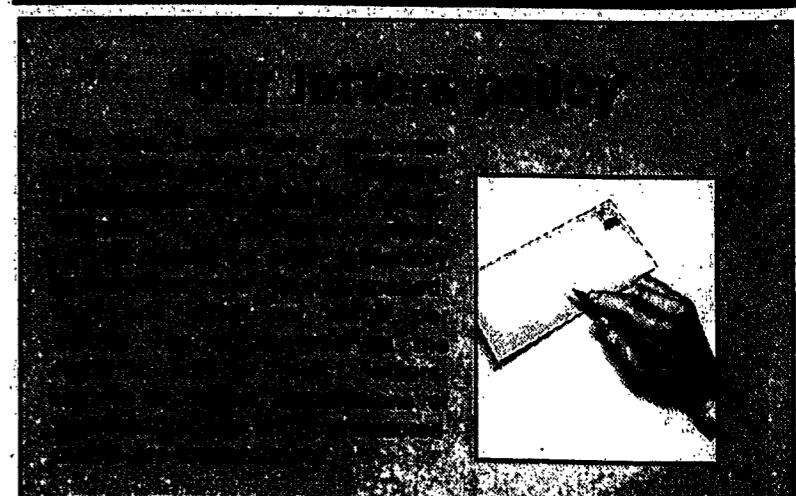
So with these increases, does that mean the recent budget debate at the Capitol is about cutting education? Absolutely not. The debate is solely over how big an increase education is going to get. The State Department of Education is

asking for a 15% increase in funding over last year. My budget, and the House and Senate proposals, give increases to education but not as much as that request.

Education is the top funding priority in my budget. My budget fully funds next year's teacher pay raise, doubles the funding for classroom supplies, funds textbooks for the first time in years and increases classroom funding by 8.3% and total education funding by 4% compared to this year.

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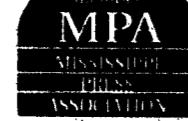
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From the Governor

By Gov. Haley Barbour

Because it is rightly the top priority for state government, more than 62% of

next year's budget will go to education; 50% of that budget will be spent on K-12 alone.

Yet, while education is Mississippi's top priority, it is not our only priority. Should Mississippi slash state spending for law enforcement, health care, parks and everything else so K-12 education can have 15% more in one year? While K-12 spending has risen nearly 50% with no increase in students, Mississippi universities and community colleges have seen their funding slashed

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Minor -- party lines

Barbour tried to cut thousands off Medicaid and his real position on education funding became known and they spoke loudly and clearly how they felt," he said.

"I think they (Republicans) were surprised to lose the district, especially since Barbour in 2003 and George W. Bush in 2004 both carried the district," Dowdy added.

"I was upfront with the voters from the beginning that I was a Democrat and that I also strongly supported full funding of the education program by the Legislature," said Shaun Walley, whose brother Shannon, is a state Senator.

The District 105 seat came open a month or so ago when Barbour appointed Democratic state Rep. Randy (Bubba) Pierce to a vacant chancery court judgeship.

Barbour's surprise move to appoint Democrat Pierce to the judgeship was considered a slick political maneuver by the governor since it

removed Pierce from his troublesome spot as House Education chairman and opened a golden opportunity to pick off a House seat for the GOP.

Last year after Barbour appointed Democratic state Rep. Bobby Moody of Louisville to be assistant director of Medicaid, Democrats were caught napping and lost the seat to Republican Gale Gregory in a special election.

This time state Democratic leaders, especially Democrats in the Mississippi House, zeroed in on the District 105 special election as nine candidates announced for the seat. None had been recruited by the Democratic leaders.

But Democrats found a surprise unpaid campaign whiz-kid in Pascagoula businessman Robert Hooks, president of the Mississippi Young Democrats. Hooks, 29, came forth and offered to spend time on the ground in the district to size up the candidates and recommend

the best one to back.

"Shaun Walley was far and away the best candidate, and we brought him up to Jackson to meet House Speaker Billy McCoy, and some state education leaders as well as some other leading Democratic figures, among them Gov. William Winter," Hooks said.

The result was that a coalition of Democratic forces, built around the 74 House Democrats, two-thirds of whom kicked in \$200 each, raised over \$16,000 for Shaun Walley's campaign (Paul Walley spent twice as much).

Though Shaun barely survived the nine-candidate first primary, he beat Paul Walley 60-40 in the runoff.

"It was a David and Goliath story," James Mills of Buckatunna, a Shaun Walley backer in Wayne County, said of his young candidate's victory. In the rural district are parts of Wayne and George Counties, half of Perry

County and all Greene County.

The fact that Barbour is believed to have picked Paul Walley, the former law partner of Pierce, as the GOP's candidate, raised speculation, especially in the Legislature, that the governor had cut a deal with

Pierce. Now Democrats and Robert Hooks, their new campaign trouble-shooter, are looking at the likelihood that three special elections for House seats may be forthcoming before the end of the year.

First off, will be Democratic Rep. Charlie Capps' seat in Bolivar, Sunflower and Washington counties, when he retires in June.

As long as Haley Barbour, the long-time Republican war-horse when he operated in the nation's capital, is around, you can bet every state legislative post up for election be a battleground.

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Seal seeks re-election as Bay Councilman

Doug Seal has announced his candidacy for re-election as Bay St. Louis City Councilman Ward 1, in the June 7 general election.

Seal said he would like to thank the voters of Ward 1 for allowing him to represent their views for the past four years. Also our city has improved financially during the past couple years.

"We must continue to be fiscally responsible, yet continue to maintain our city's charm and beauty. As our city faced issues, I researched each and every topic and fought to make the right decisions for the constituents of Ward 1, as well as all of the citizens of Bay St. Louis," Seal stated.

Seal and his wife Michele of 18 years, are the parents of two sons, Cody 17 and Cayce 12. They are members of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and are Eucharistic Ministers.

Seal has been an active member of the Bay Area Youth Soccer League, (BAYS), board for the last six years. His family is also active in the community doing volunteer work.

Seal said, "Our City will continue to face challenges,



Doug Seal

and as your Councilman, I will continue to research and get input from the affected parties. I pride myself on attending the Planning and Zoning meetings and then visiting our neighborhoods to get input from the residents."

"As your Councilman, I will continue to represent you and your views. Thank you for this honor and privilege and God Bless," Seal added.

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over the last five years. State appropriations for our universities have gone down 9% over the last five years, while their enrollment grew 8%. Community colleges are receiving 14% less in state funds than five years ago, but they have 24% more students. And some in the Legislature have proposed huge, additional cuts for higher learning next year.

Some editorial writers like to point to Mississippi's rank in state education spending surveys but fail to take into account cost-of-living differences between our state and states like New York, for example. According to the National Education Association, Mississippi ranks 21st in the nation for education spending based on per capita income. Compared to neighboring states, Mississippi spends more per pupil than Alabama and Arkansas and less than Tennessee and Louisiana.

I am proud of what Mississippi has done in education spending, and I am even prouder that during the worst budget crisis in

state history, state leaders are talking about more education funding, not less. What disappoints me are threats to fire teachers, increase class sizes or raise local taxes if certain funding demands are not met. All were threatened last year and none of them materialized. An education official was quoted recently as saying that "in the past, we cried wolf and the wolf never came..." Mississippi parents need to know the facts about their schools and not be subjected to scare tactics.

I want Mississippi to continue its strong commitment to properly funding our public schools, but we need to have an open and honest dialogue about what that funding level should be and how we can use that funding to best educate Mississippi schoolchildren.

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United Way of South Mississippi

ANNUAL MEETING
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Each and every donor to United Way of South Mississippi is a member for the year and therefore entitled to attend and vote for new board of director candidates.

United Way of South Mississippi serves Harrison, Hancock and Pearl River counties. For more information, please contact us in Harrison County at 228-863-4884, in Hancock County at 228-467-9501 and in Pearl River County at 800-895-2822.

Lions Club membership drive April 19

The Diamondhead Lions Club is holding its annual membership drive on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Diamondhead Community Center. All residents of Hancock County are invited to attend.

Those interested in "roaring" should join this service club. We help those less fortunate with impaired sight or hearing get the needed service. We have great fun finding ways to raise funds.

You are invited to come and learn about the Lions Club and Lionism. There will be light refreshments.

American Legion Post 139 to host Steak Night Friday

American Legion Post 139, Green Meadow Rd., Bay St. Louis, will host Steak Night this Friday, April 15, 5-8 p.m. Steak dinner is \$10. Happy Hour is 4-6 p.m.

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Actually, the Choctaws prefer cash to beads. And we call it "iskali".
Regardless, it amounts to almost \$20 million U.S. — at least that's the total Mississippi tax revenue generated by Choctaw businesses, according to the most recent study by Mississippi State University. But that figure will probably go up again this April. Of course, there are other factors to consider. Like the \$350 million payroll we created, and the \$250 million increase in the gross state product. There is also the \$115 million worth of goods we purchased from Mississippi vendors, which helped increase economic output in the state by more than \$400 million. And over 60% of the 9,000 Choctaw jobs are held by non-Indians. Now that's quite an exchange. www.choctaw.org

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St. Clare Students celebrate Pope John Paul II



The students of St. Clare School held a "remembrance" mass for Pope John Paul II. Chris Frigo acting as commentator recounted the Pope's life and his love for all the people of the world. A picture of the Pope showing his wonderful smile was brought down the aisle and rested on the altar. The children sang soft hymns and petitions were read. The students rejoiced the Pope John Paul II is now with resting with the Lord and they prayed for the success of the upcoming conclave. St. Clare School is a Catholic Elementary School starting with Pre-K three through Sixth Grade. St. Clare is located on the beach in Waveland. Pictured: Cassie Doucette, Hunter Murray and Morgan Fiorello hold a picture of Pope John Paul II. The students of St. Clare remembered the late Pope in class prayers and in the weekly student liturgy.

MEMA requests additional SBA damage assessment teams

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is requesting additional preliminary damage assessment teams from the Small Business Administration to tour Hancock, Jackson and Pike counties. An SBA damage assessment team already toured Rankin County. The assessments will determine whether the counties are eligible for an SBA disaster declaration.

If a disaster declaration is made, the SBA can offer low-interest loans to homeowners, renters and business owners. The SBA can make a declaration when one of the following two requirements are met:

At least 25 homes and/or businesses in a county have uninsured losses of 40 percent or more of their estimated fair replacement value.

At least three businesses have uninsured loss of 40 percent or more of their estimated fair replacement value and, as a direct result of the damages, 25 percent of the work force in the community would be unemployed for at least 90 days.

Once the damage assessment is complete, a determination about a declaration is usually made within three to five days, said MEMA Director Robert Latham.

Although no SBA assistance is available until a disaster declaration is made, MEMA's Temporary Housing Assistance program is available to residents displaced from their homes for at least 72 hours.

The program provides rental assistance for up to three months if a resident is unable to live in their home.

"We're trying to coordinate all the assistance efforts with other organizations, such as the Red Cross and the SBA, to help provide the maximum assistance possible," Latham said.

"Those people who have been impacted should not assume that they wouldn't qualify for any type of assistance. We're urging people to apply for whatever assistance is made available."

Displaced residents in the following counties may apply for the temporary housing assistance: Jackson, Jones, Lawrence,

Leake, Newton, Panola, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Smith, Stone and Walthall. To apply for the rental assistance, call 1-800-434-4243. The application process takes about five minutes to complete. Callers should have social security numbers and insurance settlement information. Families with insurance may also qualify.

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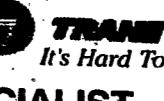
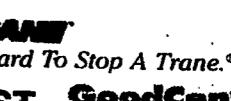
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DuPont -- trial postponed

the case would be delayed. "Another problem with the current term was that the case was not first on the docket. In August, it will be," Smiley said.

More than 2,000 DeLisle-area residents claim that toxic waste from DuPont DeLisle's titanium dioxide plant, which sits next to the banks of the Bay of St. Louis, has a direct link to their illnesses. Plaintiff's health complaints range from cancer to neurological problems.

Titanium dioxide is an ingredient in many common products including toothpaste, makeup and white paint. The allegedly toxic by-products of the manufac-

turing process are the main focus of residents' concerns.

The trial was originally scheduled to begin the last week of March, but was delayed a week when DuPont filed a motion to have the case remanded to federal court.

When the case was sent back to state court for an April 4 start date, DuPont filed a second motion to return it to federal court because the issues are ones that affect the local environment and the local popula-

on awards in 2003. The federal court system is traditionally more favorable to corporate causes. DuPont had no comment on their reasoning in requesting that the case be transferred to the federal system. Plaintiff's attorney Kathleen Smiley has maintained vehemently that the case belongs in state court because the issues are ones that affect the local environment and the local popula-

In August, Bay St. Louis resident Glen Strong's case will be the first test of the evidence gathered by Smiley and her team of attorneys from Florida and Texas, who allege that evi-

dence they and a team of environmental experts have compiled show extremely high levels of dioxins in both local oysters and clams, and house dust. Strong spent years gathering oysters and consuming them on a regular basis, attorneys say.

DuPont DeLisle's community affairs manager Terry Gooding said the plant will present evidence during the trial that will prove no connection exists between the plant's operations and health issues alleged by Strong.

"We have confidence in our case, in our commitment to safety and in the fairness of Mississippi jurors," said

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Gooding.

Smiley began gathering evidence for the case about four years ago, conducting house-to-house interviews of many local residents. Throughout the process DuPont officials have maintained that the plant is not responsible for local illness. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, a branch of the EPA, is currently conducting an investigation of the plant.

Earlier investigations found no connections between the plant's emissions and local health issues.

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Wellness Foundation donates to DMR Marine Patrol Dive Team

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' (DMR) Marine Patrol Dive Team can breathe a little easier thanks to the Mississippi Wellness Foundation. The Foundation donated a DAN Rescue Pack Extended Care first aid oxygen kit to be used during Dive Team search and rescue operations.

"When a Mississippi Wellness Foundation member found out our dive team was without an oxygen kit, he was responsive to our needs," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Cooley, DMR Marine Patrol Dive Team leader. "This particular kit, because of its portability, allows us to react quickly in emergency situations."

Enriched oxygen is the primary first aid given in the event of a diving accident.

"Without the oxygen kit available to the DMR Dive Team, there is a health risk associated for all individuals," said Kelly Fountain, executive director of the Mississippi Wellness Foundation. "The Mississippi Wellness Foundation wants to make a positive change toward a healthier Mississippi Gulf Coast community, and this is just one step toward that goal."

The Mississippi Wellness Foundation is a non-profit public charity that has been serving the people of Mississippi since 2002 when a group of concerned physicians decided to make a joint effort to help the individuals in Mississippi become healthier.

The mission of the Foundation is to improve the complete health of the people of Mississippi by fos-

tering wellness through an expanded sense of community; providing grants for health campaigns and education; wellness awareness and disease prevention programs; providing educational grants/scholarships to gifted students; and acting in harmony with associated charities and donations, services and facilities as time, money and space permits.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses

of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

Storm

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a week's work.

"We saved everything," she said. "I know God was with us."

Genna said she received \$115 from the American Red Cross, and was also offered vouchers to stay in a hotel until repairs could be made. She opted to stay and work, however.

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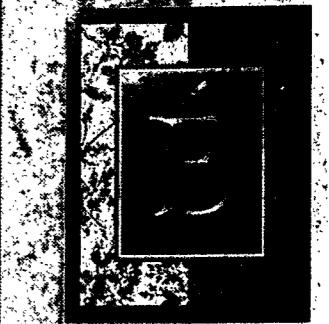
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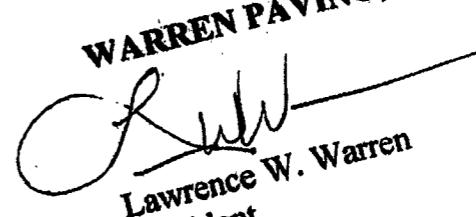
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We ask that motorists be patient and drive with caution through the construction area...both for their safety and for the safety of our employees.

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Bay High School Interact Club members and sponsors proudly display their scrapbook, project book, plaques and awards received during the District #6840 Interact Convention.

Bay High Interact Club claims awards at district competition

Bay High School Interact Club members recently attended the 2005 District #6840 Convention held in Kenner, Louisiana on February 24-26. Convention delegates were made up of students from Southeast Mississippi and Louisiana Schools.

The club participated in both group and individual competitions and came home with top honors. The overall group placed first in School Service and International Service; second in Community Service, Fundraising, and Interact/Rotary Relations; and won the Best Scrapbook category. Individual competitions were judged on personal interviews conducted by a Louisiana Rotarian. Justin Main and Lorna

Stanton won Mr. and Miss Interact. The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club sponsors the Bay High Interact Club.

The Interactors who attended the convention are seated from left to right: Lacy Bigham, Lorna Stanton, Miss Interact, Justin Main, Mr. Interact, Alyce Brogle, Scrapbook Chairperson, and Victoria Wesson. Second row, standing, are Syrina Singleton, Adrienne Domico, Kayleigh Davis, Erin Floyd, Whitney Thomas, Jenny Decrevet, Candace White, and Ariel Domico. Third row, standing, are Vickie Walsh, Faculty Sponsor, Chris Magee, Brett Carr, Douglas Adams, and Kathy Drummond, Faculty Sponsor. Delegate not pictured: Amber Cabanis.

Hancock Democrat Executive meeting

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hancock County Library, Bay St. Louis Branch, 312 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis. The public is welcome.

'His Way' assists Hope Haven

THE SEA COAST ECHO

"His Way," a faith-based non-profit located in Ridgeland, has donated \$37,375 to Hope Haven Children's Shelter. The grant is to be used toward the construction of the new kitchen and dining area at the shelter in Waveland and will help fund the addition of a bedroom and bath in the spring of 2006.

"His Way" is one of the most successful non-profits in Mississippi, raising funds via their State licensed bingo halls.

The organization focuses on helping other non-profit across the State who provide services to children.

"We were over the moon when we received a call from His Way's Director" Stated Margie Toups, Hope Haven President.

"They had read about our plans to add on to our shelter and they offered to help. Their director, Ann Neal, came down to visit our shelter, and we could tell that this was a person and an organization who have their hearts in the right place...who care deeply about children!"

Hope Haven's building plans call for the addition of a new kitchen and dining room this year and adding over 1,200 square feet to the existing shelter next spring.

The work is being split into two phases to allow the shelter to remain open. Phase one will cost about \$40,000 and Phase two will cost about \$100,000. Phase one will be build by local builder Kent Sellier who submitted the best bid for the project.

Phase two will include the addition of a large bedroom with bath, a reception/office area for newly arriving children and social workers and administrative offices for the director and bookkeeper who now have a small office in the Youth Court building. Other improvements include a 3/4 size basketball court,

expansion of the playground area, increased security measure, new fencing and parking areas. Hope Haven has raised all of the money for this year's expansion but is still raising money for phase two.

For more information on their plans and how you can help visit their web page at hopehavenshelter.org. Hope Haven is a registered non-profit charity that has cared for over 2,500 local children and a member of the United Way of South Mississippi. They can be contacted directly at 228 467-7945.

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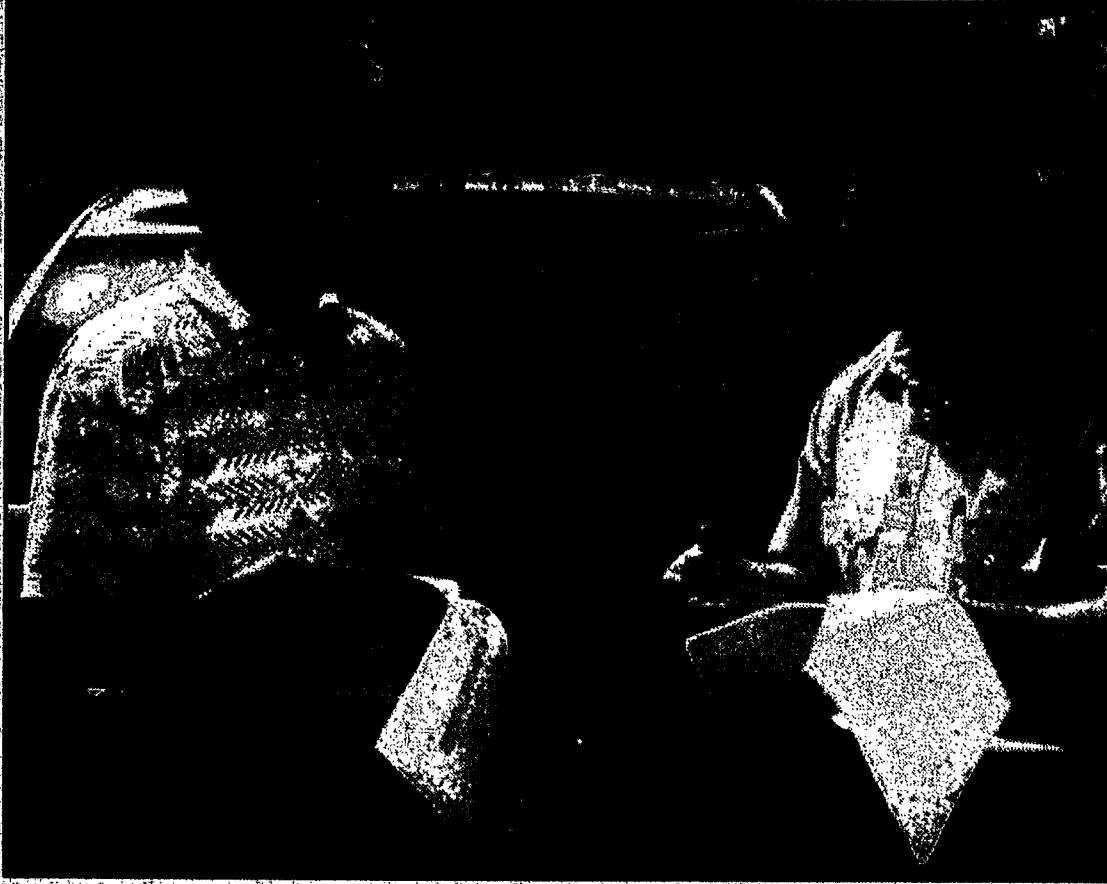
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Forestry for the Trees



Pictured are Ron Vanney, Bay St. Louis Public Works Director and Walter Pasmore, Mississippi Forestry Commission Partnerships Coordinator discuss recommendations included in a urban forestry management plan for the City of Bay St. Louis. The Mississippi Forestry Commission donated 300 live oaks to the city. The plan was completed by the Forestry Commission.

Forestry commission donates trees to city of Bay St. Louis

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Forestry Commission recently donated 300 live oaks to Bay St. Louis as part of an effort to reforest the city.

Todd Matthews, area forester, said that the more trees a city had, the better the water quality would be.

"We were trying to determine how the trees would affect the water quality for the city. It's not a cure all, but they do offer a lot as far as filtering, holding soil, and reducing runoff."

Matthews said the forestry commission worked with the city, the DEQ and the DMR to complete a report on the condition of Bay St. Louis' urban forest.

Samples were taken from random

plots all across the city. These samples came from both public and private land.

Based on that summarized data, the commission developed a management plan with a list of recommendations concerning the city's urban forest and some practices that local government might take.

"The 300 live oak saplings were donated along with the plan for good measure," Matthews said.

"We encouraged them to plant them in areas along the highway 90 corridor but it's totally up to the city where they plant them."

Matthews will formally present a completed copy of the plan to Mayor Eddie Favre, and Ronnie Vanney, director of public works, near the end of the month.

MDOT says mail boxes are safety hazard

According to Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) Executive Director Larry L. "Butch" Brown, certain mailboxes located on state highways in Mississippi have become a serious safety concern.

MDOT officials have increasingly become aware that many citizens of Mississippi have been installing mailboxes made of brick or heavy iron on the highway rights-of-way. These immovable structures pose a significant threat to the traveling public in our State because they increase the risk of vehicle damage and serious personal injury to the motorist who leaves the roadway and collides with them.

MDOT requires that if a mailbox is to be placed on the highway right-of-way, it must conform to the requirements of the United States Postal Service and MDOT Standards. The mailbox supports must be made of wood, PVC pipe, or any other support that meets the safety standards provided for in National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 350 and the current edition of the AASHTO Roadside Design Guide. Brick and iron do not meet these standards.

According to Brown, not only are the mailboxes endangering the public but they also increase the potential for damage claims against both the individual landowners and the State of Mississippi.

"As always, our main concern in this matter is the safety of our citizens. As we begin the process of removing these mailboxes statewide we ask for the owners to contribute to our efforts and remove the boxes themselves," Brown said.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly #233 meets in Waveland

TOPS, MS #233 met Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at the Waveland Methodist Church located on Central Avenue and Vacation Lane in Waveland.

There were 13 members present. Gift was won by Shirley, and incentive was won by Inge. Charles visit-

ed the meeting. TOPS best loser for the week was Mary with a loss of 1.75 pounds. KOPS best loser for the week was Rose. Youth best loser was Heather with a loss of 2 pounds.

TOPS, MS #233 meet every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist

Church. Weigh-in is from 5:30 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS MS #233 Chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

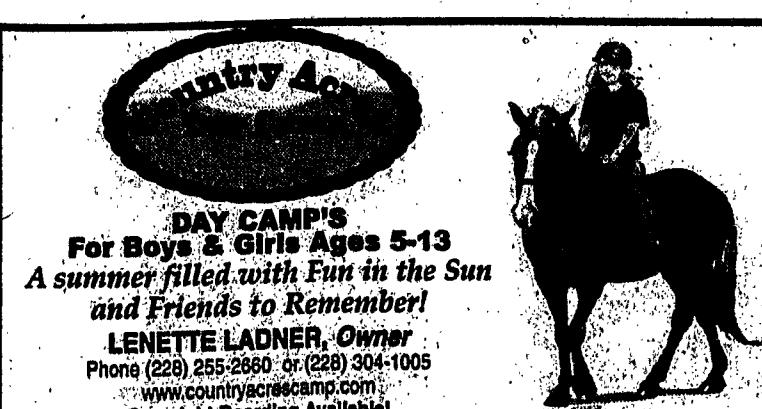
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Obituaries

ANTOINETTE CARRIO
CAROL MCARTHUR
KERMIT RUSH

ANTOINETTE CARRIO
 Antoinette Molay Carrio, 81, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in Bay St. Louis.

She was a member of St. Claire Catholic Church and had previously worked as a beautician.

She is survived by her son, Charles Arnold Carrio.

Services will be held at a later date.

Riemann Funeral Home of Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

CAROL MCARTHUR
 Carol Lenora McArthur, 62 of Pass Christian, MS, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in Pass Christian, MS.

She was a native of Bay St. Louis, MS and a lifelong resident of Pass Christian, MS. She was of the Catholic Faith and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian, MS.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Herman L.

McArthur, son, Brian McArthur, and her parents, Abe and Carrie Hose Williams.

She is survived by 3 sons, Herman "Tony" McArthur of Pass Christian, MS, Darrin McArthur and wife Penny of Pass Christian, MS, Duane "Keith" McArthur of Orlando, FL, daughter, Donna McArthur of Gulfport, MS, brother, Dale Otto Williams of Sacramento, CA, sister, Elaine Burch of Lakeshore, MS, and 3 grandchildren, Heather McArthur, Amber McArthur, and Cody McArthur.

The visitation will be on Friday, April 15, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

A Prayer Service will be at 11 a.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian, MS. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 1810, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Edmond Fahey Funeral

Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

Rush, Jr., his parents, Warrell Lee and Jane Lillian Brooks Rush, and brother, Warrell Rush.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Rush of Bay St. Louis, MS, 3 daughters, Kristi Rush of Bay St. Louis, MS, Laila and Trinity Sercovich, both of Chalmette, LA, and step daughter, Jennifer Fontana of Bay St. Louis, MS; 3 brothers, Daniel Rush of OK, DeWayne and Kirk Rush both of Nicholson, MS; 2 sisters, Janice Warden of Poplarville, MS, Debra Desrochers of LaCombe, LA, Godchild, Trinity Mina of Bay St. Louis, MS and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005, at Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus in Waveland, MS. Interment will be at 11 a.m. in St. Bernard Memorial Gardens in Chalmette, LA.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge.

KERMIT RUSH
 Kermit John Rush, 41, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Saturday, April 9, 2005, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of St. Bernard, LA and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS, since 1991. He was employed with Barry's U-Pull-It in Gulfport, MS.

He is preceded in death by his son Kermit "JuJu"

voice community chorus whose members reside in Hancock and Harrison Counties. During its history, they have performed in Vienna, Austria and Verona, Italy, twice at Carnegie Hall, New York; at the 2004 Vermont International Choir Festival in Stowe; and at numerous venues in south Mississippi and southeast Louisiana.

Coast Chorale is supported in part by a project grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The first performance will be this evening, April 14 at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Bay St. Louis.

The second concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon, April 17 Pass Christian at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Coast Chorale is directed by Joy Mehrtens. In addition to its pianist Linda Gammell of Gulfport, the group will be accompanied by a string ensemble and organist.

The group's President, Eric Meindl said, "The program fits nicely into our mission statement to present diverse choral music free of charge to residents of south Mississippi. The music in this year's program comes from different cultures and generations, but it's all really pretty music to hear. And we definitely wanted to present material with an uplifting theme."

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Coast Chorale to perform in BSL, Pass Christian

The Coast Chorale will present this year's Spring concert entitled "It's A Wonderful World" in Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian. The diverse program will feature classical choral selection the "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure, along with popular music, such as "You Raise Me Up" and "What A Wonderful World." The Chorale's newly formed ensemble, The Fibonacci Singers, will also be featuring singing three German folk songs.

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Comanches to fill skies over Diamondhead

BY CHARLIE HORTON

A fun-filled weekend lies ahead for residents of Diamondhead and aviation fans of Hancock County as pilots and owners of Comanches, the sturdy, sleek and swift airplanes built by the Piper Aircraft Company between 1958 and 1972, from across the country plan to converge on the Diamondhead Airport on Friday, April 29.

The event is a national fly-in for airplane-owning and flying enthusiasts of the International Comanche Society, hosted by Charlie and Melody Horton of Diamondhead.

Charlie and Melody have a weekend planned for their visitors that will show off



Comanche airplanes owned by Charlie and Melody Horton of Diamondhead, hosts for a fly-in of the International Comanche Society, scheduled the weekend of April 29. In profile is Melody's blue and white Comanche 180, one of the first of its type built. Flying forward is Charlie's red and white Comanche 400, winner of many air races and believed to be the swiftest Comanche ever flown.

many of the attractions of the Mississippi coast, including a Friday night BBQ buffet dinner on the back deck of the Yacht Club, a swamp tour on Saturday morning, visits to Old Town Bay St. Louis Saturday and a seafood fest at the Diamondhead Ramada Inn on Saturday night. Charlie and Melody, both air race champions and both owners of Comanche airplanes, will also be teaching a speed seminar to the pilots Saturday afternoon.

Diamondhead Airport residents are graciously offering to allow the visitors

to park the 30 to 50 Comanche airplanes at their homes and are also volunteering their time to help their guests enjoy the weekend. Anyone wishing to help with this event can contact Charlie Horton at 228-255-6638 or by e-mail at com400@bellsouth.net.

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Business News

HMC Employee of the Year



Respiratory Therapist Robert J. (Rob) Comprett Jr., center, was named Hancock Medical Center 2004 Employee of the Year at the organization's annual Employee Awards Banquet. Presenting the plaque at Casino Magic's Bay Tower Hotel are Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, DBA, FACHE, left, and Board of Trustees President William A. Tate III. Comprett was selected by peers for his dedication, concern for patients and willingness to help others.

Tuition plan can save on state income taxes

April 15 is an important date for anyone wishing to make an investment in their children's future while reaping 2004 Mississippi state tax benefits according to State Treasurer Tate Reeves.

"MACS, Mississippi's 529 plan, is one of the most attractive and effective state sponsored College Savings Plans in the country," Reeves said. "You can register all year long but prior to April 15, contributions of up to \$10,000 for families filing individually (\$20,000 for families filing jointly) are deductible from 2004 Mississippi state income taxes," he added.

According to the College Board, tuition at public and private colleges is outpacing inflation, rising approximately 40% in the last decade alone. "A MACS account is a great long-term savings option since your investments grow free from federal and Mississippi state income taxes," Reeves noted. "Register before April 15 and you get the immediate benefit of savings on 2004 taxes," he said.

MACS allows families of all income levels to open an

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MACS also offers generous federal gift and estate tax advantages of up to \$55,000 (\$110,000 for families filing jointly) divided over a five-year period for those filing individually.

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If you are not a Mississippi resident or if you have taxable income in another state, you should consider whether that other state plan offers a 529 plan with favorable state income tax or other benefits that are not available if you invest in the Mississippi 529 plan.

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Call 228-863-4449, ext. 25 or email to reserve your seat or for more information. Space is limited.

Pesticide training sessions planned

Private use pesticide applicators certification is necessary to purchase, transport, and apply restricted use agricultural pesticides. This certification is good for 5 years. If you are a current applicator, you should check the expiration date on your card. If your card has expired or will expire in the next month, you may want to consider getting it renewed.

Becoming a certified applicator for the first time or to become re-certified consists of successful completion of a private use pesticide training session.

Two training sessions have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Mississippi State University Hancock County Extension Service Office, located on Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis. There is no fee for this training. If you plan to attend, you are asked to call and pre-register with the MSU Extension Service—Hancock County Office at 228-467-5456 by Friday April 15. Please indicate which session you will be attending.

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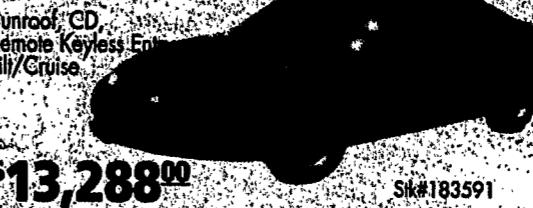
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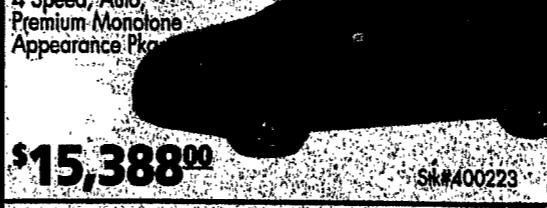
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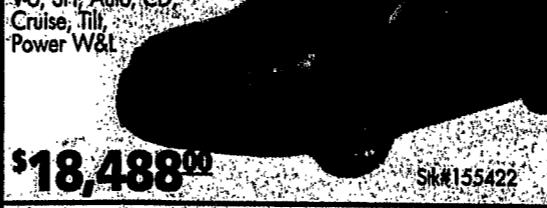
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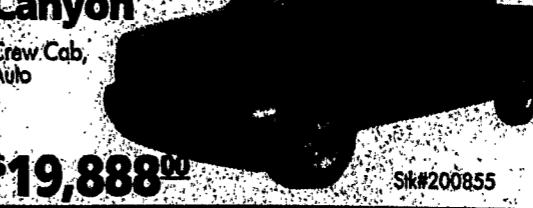
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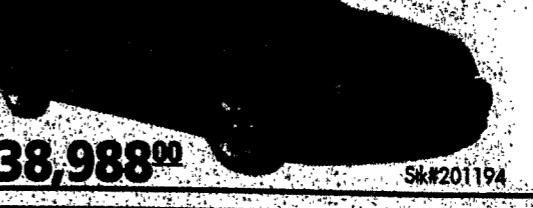
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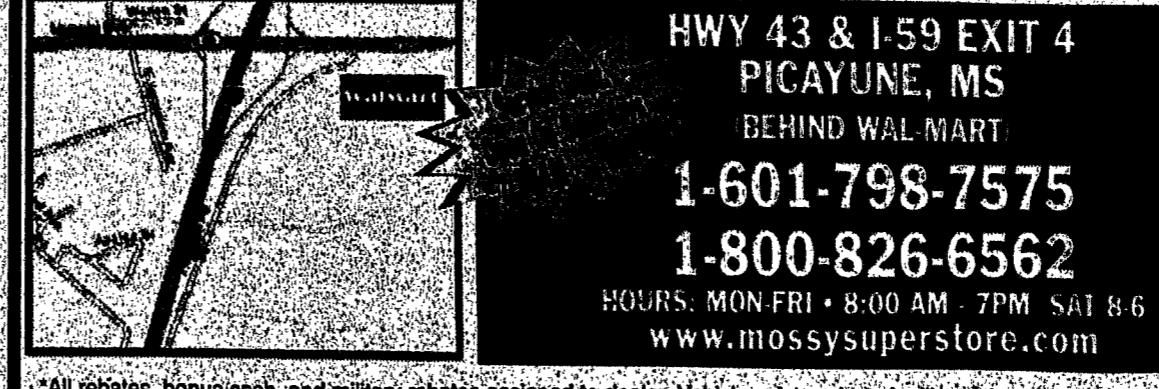
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Holly!! (And His Black Coat of Invisibility)



Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Escronza LaViolette

(At 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday, 14 April, I will introduce my new book, Holly!! and his black coat of invisibility, at Bookends Bookstore, 111 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis just west of the Bay Bridge.

The following story is an extract from the book. Please come this evening and visit me at Bookends. I will read some of the stories and Stella will furnish the refreshments.)

This coming week marks the fourth anniversary of Holly's arrival in our house. It's been four years since Susan handed me a black cat and, telling me it was a nice cat and that I'd like it, walked me out the door of her bookstore.

I vaguely remember that when the door closed behind me, there was an audible click. I was too polite to turn around and try the door, but I have always had the secret feeling that if I did, I would have found it had been locked.

My drive home that day had been traumatic. Ostensibly, I had accepted the cat from Susan because of the snakes we had begun

seeing around the garden and the coinciding fact that someone had told me that cats and snakes never occupy the same territory. I had made the mistake of telling Susan this. Holly had been her quick response. I think if I had told her that there had been too many geese flying over our house at night, Holly would have been her response as well.

As a result of her singular view on what I needed most in my life, I found myself driving my aged pick up truck through the streets of a southern Mississippi town not with a hound dog in the back and a rifle in a holder in the rear window, but with a tom cat in the front seat and a large bag of Kitty Litter on the floor. I drove carefully home, using only the side streets. To this day, I don't believe anyone saw me.

It's been a long four years. A long, hard four years.

I've tried getting to know Holly but he has made it difficult. While I am not always the easiest of persons to get along with, Holly has made it a point to redefine the word difficult and applying the new definition liberally to himself.

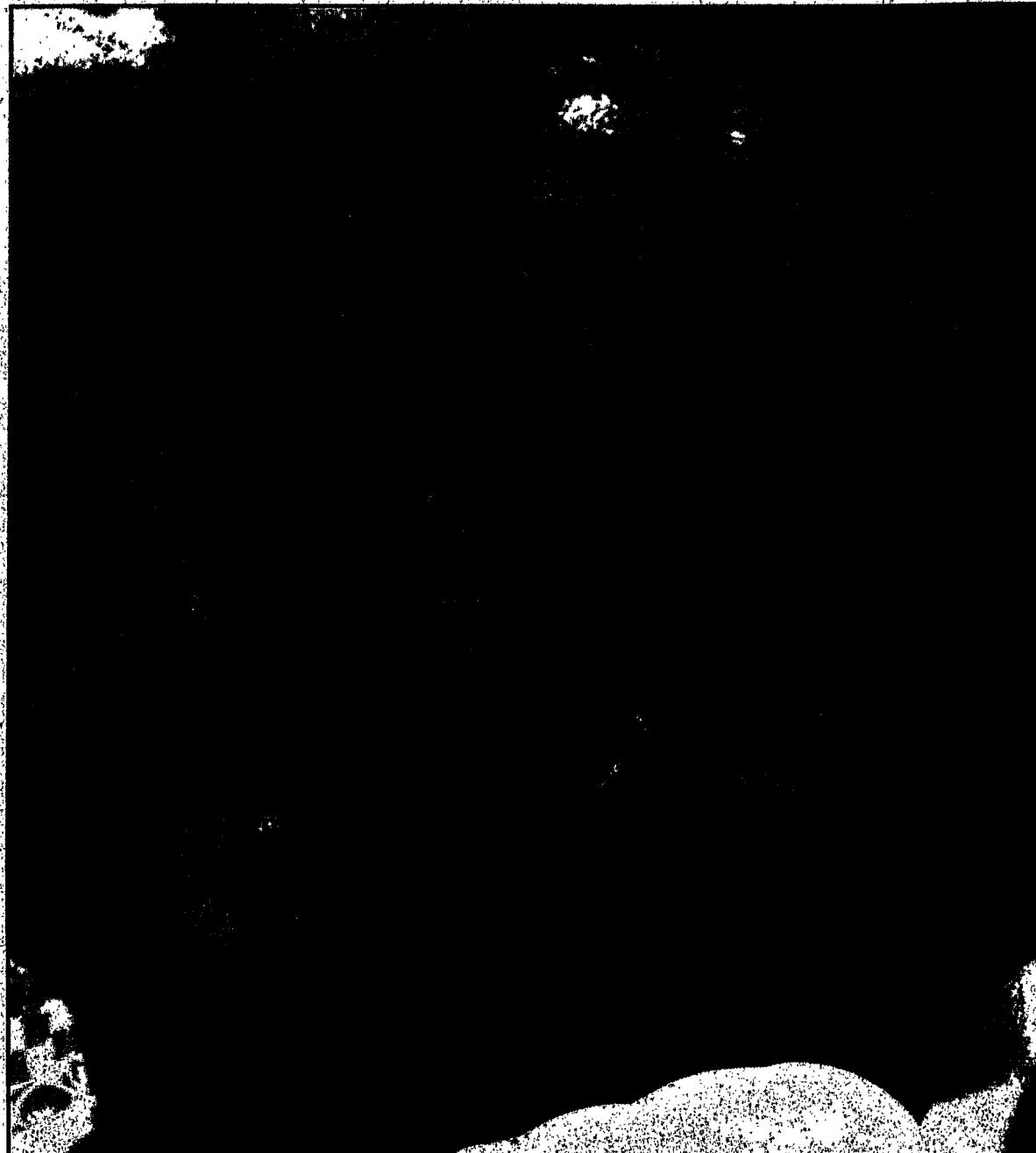


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Paul and Holly disagree over the proper way to pose for a book jacket photograph. Paul has built a great expense a faux marble window ledge beside my desk for him to lie on. He prefers the desk itself, lying with his rump mostly in the "basket". I'm not sure if his position has any sociological implication, but it is the way he positions himself, so I ignore him.

I have also gone through a great deal of trouble to get him a faux sheepskin bed for him to sleep on by the fireplace. He ignores it, preferring the narrow top of Stella's antique china cabinet on the other side of the fireplace.

When I want him outside, he hides himself inside, usually in the bedroom valances where he can't be reached. When I want him inside, he stands outside at a distance

from me (but where I can plainly see him) and listens to my futile calls until finally, seeing me fully frustrated, he walks calmly away.

Someone once said that whereas most pets have masters, cats have staff. Holly has over the four years condescended to at least learn my name as his major staff member. When he wants something, he comes and calls for me with a quiet, barely discernible "Yeow". It is a soft, discrete, almost polite call, but when I listen closely, it sounds to me very much like "You there?"

Over the four years Holly

has allowed himself to change. He's gotten fatter. Nowadays, fifteen pounds would be a very kind estimate of his body weight. I've noticed that he no longer leaps in one bound to the top of the six-foot brick wall on the side of the house. I've watched and it takes two bounds.

Once up there, he takes about two or three steps and then drops down on his lofty perch atop the bricks and goes to sleep, no doubt easing his tired body from the exertion.

I say all this because of late there has been an unusual change in Holly's demeanor.

It has not exactly been gradual, but an obvious change in our day-to-day relationship. I've talked it over with Stella and she has told me to take Holly to see Dr. Mahler.

"What am I going to say?" "Tell him what's been happening. Tell him you're worried."

"But how?" I looked at her confused.

"OK. Tell him what happened yesterday. That would be a very good example."

I'm not sure I want to do that. Let me explain.

I was lying on the couch reading when I started to doze. The book fell on the floor and I turned slightly throwing my elbow up on the back of the couch. When I awoke, I found Stella sitting across the room from me with a big grin on her face.

I also felt a slight weight on my elbow and turning saw Holly draped across the back of the couch in a rather awkward position. The purpose of his arrangement was so he could put his head on my elbow and there it was. I looked closely and saw that despite the strained location, Holly was sound asleep.

How can I take him to Dr. Mahler with the complaint that Holly was getting friendly?

BayArts presents 'The Painted Word' at the Depot

THE SEA COAST ECHO

BayArts presents The Painted Words, Second Edition, this Friday and Saturday evenings, 7 p.m. at the Bay Saint Louis Depot. The exhibit features a new body of work by Bay Saint Louis artist Kat Fitzpatrick.

The Painted Word opened March 11 to rave reviews from the public for the series of work where the artist explored the intersection of the written word with painting and collage. Drawing from historical as well as modern sources. The Painted Word features drawn and painted images incorporating ancient Hebrew letters and modern slang as well as the artist's own writings.

The Painted Word, Second Edition, features many of the works of the original show and as importantly, features members of Fitzpatrick's writing group, On the Threshold, reading their original works.

What started out as a community education class in creative writing has evolved into weekly writers' group.

After visiting a Fairhope bookstore to hear writers read their published works, members of the group realized that nothing they heard that night was better than what they heard among themselves each week.

The idea to read in public some of the unpublished works the group has written was good, they read during the first showing of A Painted Word to much success, and agreed to this Second Edition appearance.

Members of the group include Fitzpatrick, Toby Aldrich, Sallie Saraceno, B. R. Hawkins, Mary Ann Rich, Jean Hammiet, C. T. Florow and Sue Louvier.

The Painted Word, Second Edition is open to the public and is sponsored by the city of Bay Saint

Louis. Division of Cultural Affairs. The exhibit and readings will be held in the second floor conference room, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening.

Political signs not allowed on state hwy.

Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) has reminded candidates that it is illegal and unsafe to place political signs on state maintained rights of way.

According to Larry L. "Butch" Brown, MDOT executive director, candidates should be aware that encroachments of this type are illegal. Political signs on the rights of way can be unsafe by restricting sight, distracting motorists, and eventually becoming litter along our state highways.

Work crews are instructed to remove all illegal signs. The signs will be held for a reasonable period of time before being disposed of. Sign owners may retrieve the signs from local MDOT maintenance shops without penalty.

This news release is to serve as a reminder to those seeking political office that,

for safety reasons, illegal signs will be regularly removed by MDOT workers in the performance of their duties," Brown said. "Sign owners are encouraged to remove all signage once the election is over."

According to Barbara Dorr, executive director of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, unlawfully placed political signs become litter that tarnishes the beauty of our state and becomes an additional burden to the people of Mississippi.

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Scenes from Sunday's
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Diamondhead Dance Academy wins big in N.O. competition

Diamondhead Dance Academy competed in New Orleans recently at a DanceAmerica competition. The academy students performed five numbers which included two large groups, a solo, a duo and a trio. Not only did they place first in three categories and second and third in the others, they won the overall high score for junior large group jazz, receiving a cash award of \$125. They also won the overall high score award for all junior large group numbers. For their number "Cotton Eyed Joe," they won best presentation. Auditions for the company will be held over the summer. For more, call 255-5024.

The junior company includes, from left, top, Blair Hoda, Jennifer Picou, Keckle Curet, and Brenna Hart. Middle, Bailey Hoda, Erin Rose, and Erica Palmer. Bottom, Raven Necaise, Katelyn Meredith, Casey McLeod, and Elizabeth Jenkins.

PRCC to offer dorms for summer semester

Pearl River Community College will open some dormitories for male and female students attending classes on its main campus again this summer.

PRCC opened dormitories for summer students for the first time in 2004.

A five-day plan and a seven-day plan will be available for students. Night classes begin Monday, May 23. Day classes for the first term begin May 31.

Adam Brewood, Dean of Student Services at PRCC, advises students to get their applications in as early as possible. "Housing will be limited during the summer," he said.

Cost for room and board will be the same as last summer, \$362 for the five-day plan and \$424 for the seven-day plan. Both plans include meals.

Registration for new students attending Pearl River Community College during

the summer semester will be held on both the Hattiesburg and Poplarville campuses.

On the Hattiesburg campus, new students can register for day and night classes from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in the Multi-Purpose Building. The Hattiesburg campus is located on U.S. 49 South. On the Poplarville campus, new students can register for day and night classes from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., on Wednesday, May 18.

New students can also register from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. May 9-20 in the Counseling Center on the Poplarville campus by appointment. Day classes for the second term begin June 29. Graduation is July 29.

For information, call (601) 403-1000, email admission@prcc.edu, or visit the PRCC web site at <http://www.prcc.edu>.

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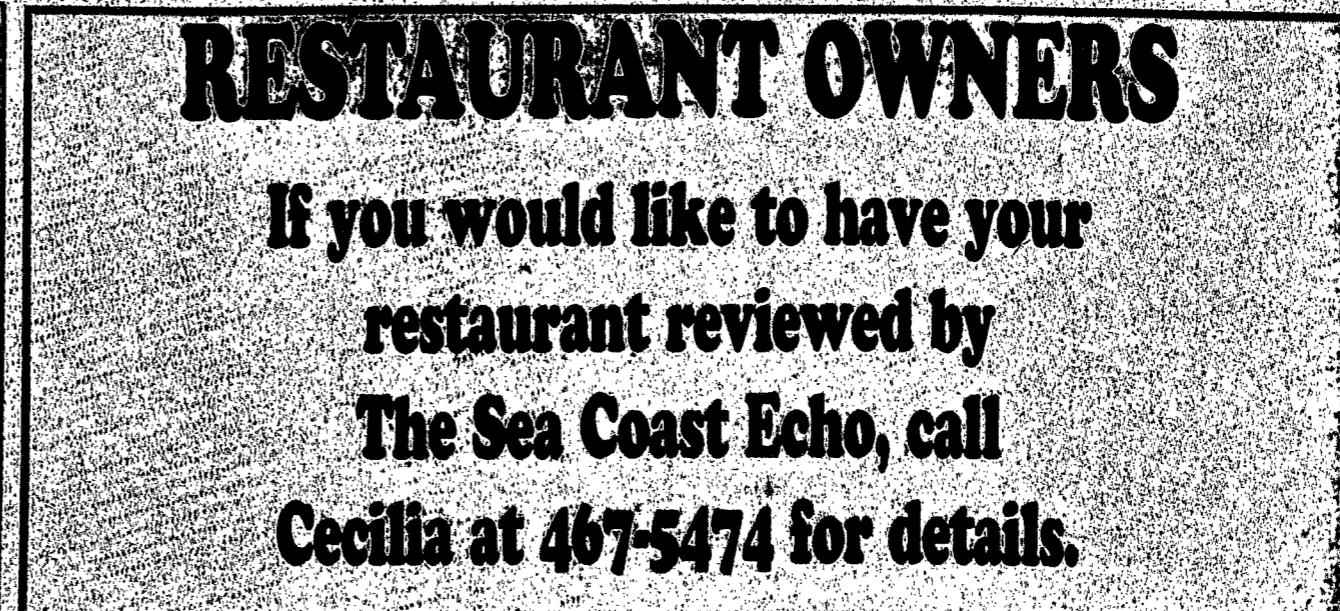
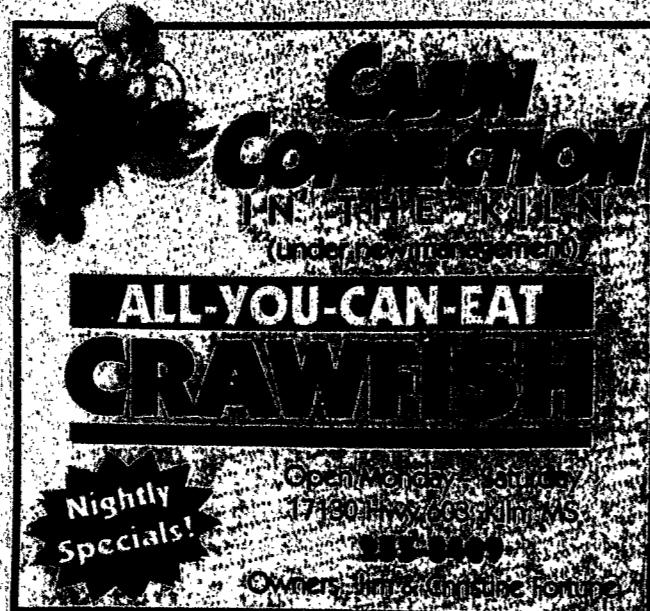
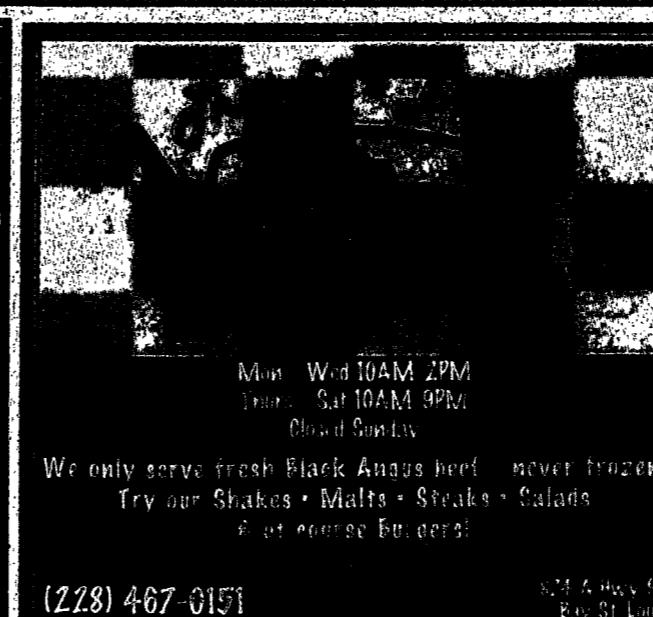
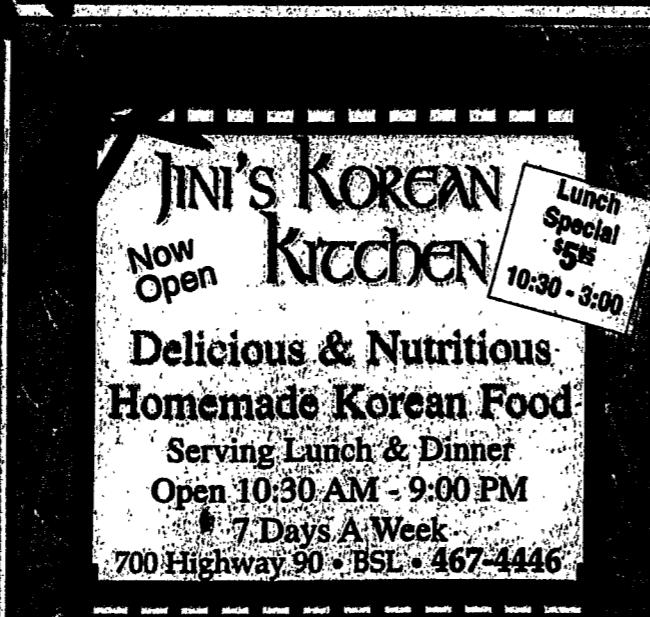
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Lunch is served Monday through Saturday, and dinner is served Thursday through Saturday. Make plans to bring the family to Southern Delights at 299B Hwy 90, corner of Dunbar and Hwy 90 in Bay St. Louis. You'll be glad you did!

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Sports

Tigers still on top with Pirate shut-out; SSC rallies for 6-2 win over Gautier

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers remained at the top of the Division 8-4A standings with a 4-0 shutout win against the Pass Christian Pirates on Friday, April 8th.

Cory Jordan continued his domination over Division 8-4A opponents allowing just four hits in the game. Brad Ladner tallied two hits for the Tigers at the plate while David Buckley added a double to his stat sheet.

In girls softball, the Bay High Lady Tigers (11-5)

remained in the hunt for the playoffs with a 7-5 win over the Vancleave Lady Bulldogs on Monday night.

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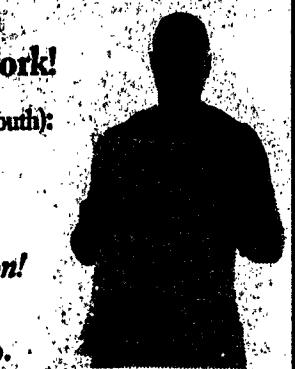
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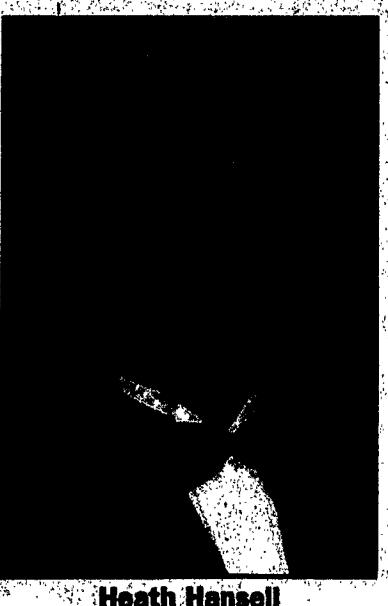
Saint Stanislaus senior Hansell named star student; Moran named star teacher

St. Stanislaus senior Heath Hansell has been named as SSC's STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student for the 2004-2005 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council's M.B. Swayze Educational Foundation, sponsor of the STAR program, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, Principal.

Heath Hansell was honored during the 15th annual Education Celebration on April 8, 2005, at Mississippi College in Clinton. This prestigious event is co-sponsored by Entergy Mississippi, BellSouth, and Mississippi Power Company.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Mr. Dale Moran was designated by Heath as his STAR Teacher. Mr. Moran currently teaches government and Mississippi Studies at St. Stanislaus. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, he has been teaching for over 38 years and was previously named STAR teacher in 1971. He has received honors and awards during his career including a yearbook dedication, recognized as an outstanding educator, bas-



Heath Hansell

ketball coach of the year and the Lumen Christi Award.

Heath is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hansell of Waveland. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Student Ministry, and the varsity soccer team. He was named as a National Merit Semifinalist and Finalist this year.

STAR students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both ACT scores and high school class averages are compared to determine the school's STAR Student, explained Peggy Howard of Jackson, chief operating officer of the Swayze Foundation. "The STAR program encourages and promotes academic achievement among

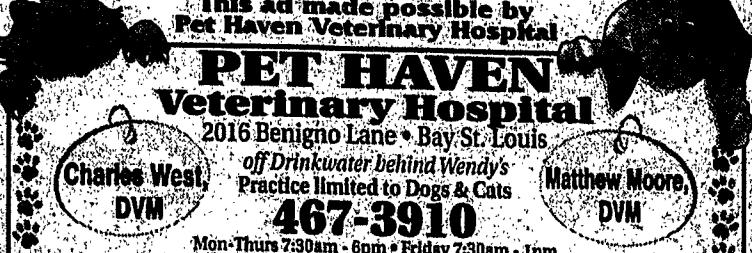
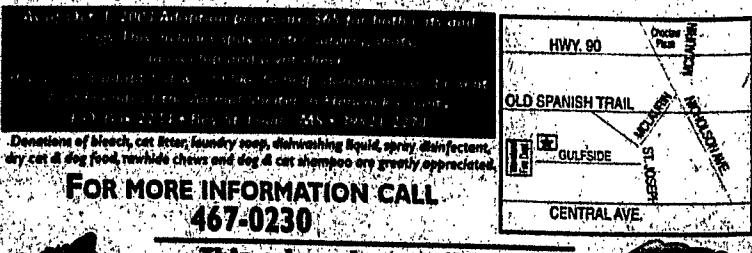
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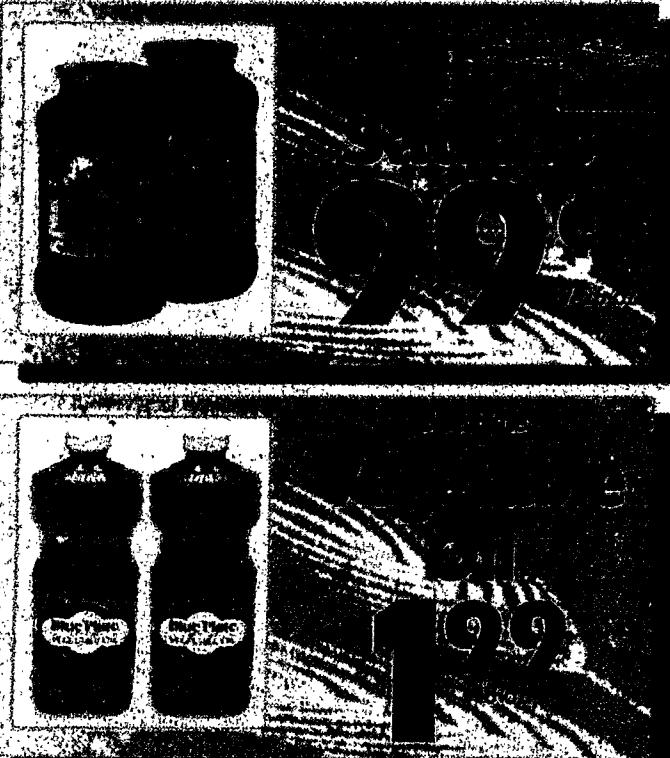
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